

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, amended Section 30-4-80, the print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, place, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Mr. Colen Lindell
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education

Chairman Nuessle called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Chairman Nuessle led Moment of Silence and Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Nuessle stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025 were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION carried on a vote of 8-0-1(Mr. Moulton abstained).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Dave Paullin – Mr. Paullin did not attend tonight's meeting.

Ms. Hollynd Seek spoke regarding student welfare at Belvedere Elementary School.

Mr. Carson Colmer & Mr. Adam Fundak spoke against the displacement of the Aiken High Track Team because of turf replacement at the school's stadium.

Mr. James Williams spoke against the displacement of the Aiken High Track Team because of turf replacement at the school's stadium.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Elisa Sanders-Pee was recognized at the South Carolina Association of Black School Educators Elementary Principal of the Year.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Nuessle reminded board members that the Statement of Economic Interest is due to the SC Ethics Commission by March 30,2025.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2025-26, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, certified personnel for school year 2024-25, classified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2024-25, SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$285,000,000 AS RESULT OF 2024 SALES TAX RENEWAL: Dr. Bradley MOVED to approve the resolution to provide for the Issuance of sales of GOBs not exceeding \$285,000,000 SECONDED by Mr. Lindell; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY,

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Murphy recommended ratifying the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS OUT 2025-2026: Superintendent Murphy recommended that the students be released for out-of-district transfer.
- B-3 REQUEST TO ADMIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the foreign exchange students listed on the attached sheet for admission to the School District of Aiken County in July of 2025 for the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL EARLY SITE WORK GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE #1: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving Shared Savings Change Order #1 from H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. in the credit amount of \$248,160.97.
- B-5 CHANGE ORDER (CO) TO GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE GMP #1 FOR FOOTBALL FIELD TURF INSTALLATION AT AIKEN HIGH, MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH, AND SILVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOLS. THIS CO IS ADDING FIELD TURF TO RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH SCHOOL (RSMHS) FOOTBALL FIELD; Superintendent Murphy recommended authorizing the administration to negotiate a CO with H.G. Reynolds Company in the amount of \$1,753,174.00 for installation of new artificial turf at RSMHs, utilizing the CMR delivery system.

Mr. Silas MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Dr. Bradley; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CHANGE ORDER NOTIFICATION: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

MR. BRIAN SILAS -GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY RECOGNITION – Mr. Silas recognized the Gloverville Elementary Schools PTO Annual Valentine Court Fundraiser that raised over \$28,500.00.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent's Update

Dr. Murphy announced the District's Annual Principal for the Day Event will be held this Friday, February 28. He discussed how the event offers an opportunity to strengthen connections with our schools and the community. The Superintendent also discussed the tragic deaths of two students from Gloverville Elementary School because of a house fire. He asked the audience to remember this family in their prayers and that the district would continue to support the staff and students at the school during this tough time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Nuessle announced there were no items for Executive Session.

Dr. Bradley MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED: